

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A fish tank vacuum, for use with a fish tank having a tank  
5 interior and an intake pipe that draws water thereinto,  
comprising:

an attachment assembly, having a u-pipe having a first  
end, a second end, and a bend therebetween, the first end for  
10 attaching to the intake pipe;

a nozzle assembly, having a suction nozzle having a free  
end and a mating end, and having a filter housing having a  
first end and a second end, the mating end of the suction  
nozzle selectively attachable in the first end of the filter  
15 housing, the free end is open to allow water and debris to  
flow thereinto;

a filter disk extending within the filter housing;

a primary swivel assembly attached to the second end of  
the filter housing, the primary swivel assembly having a  
20 primary swivel tube opposite from the filter housing, the  
primary swivel assembly in fluid communication with the  
nozzle assembly;

a secondary swivel assembly attached to the second end  
of the u-pipe, the secondary swivel assembly having a  
25 secondary swivel tube opposite from the second end of the u-  
pipe, the secondary swivel assembly in fluid communication  
with the attachment assembly; and

- a flexible hose having a pair of ends, the flexible hose attached over the primary swivel tube on one end and the secondary swivel tube at the other end, the flexible hose providing a fluid connection between the primary swivel
- 5 assembly and second fluid assembly and allowing the suction nozzle to be maneuvered around the fish tank interior while maintaining a continuous water flow into the free end of the suction nozzle and out to the intake pipe.
- 10 2. The fish tank vacuum as recited in claim 1, wherein the second end of the u-pipe has a fish screen extending outwardly therefrom, the fish screen having apertures sized to prevent fish from entering the u-pipe, wherein the secondary swivel assembly having lower mouth that is sized to
- 15 fit over the fish screen to selectively attach to the second end of the u-pipe to create water flow into the suction nozzle to vacuum debris therewith.
- 20 3. The fish tank vacuum as recited in claim 2, wherein the attachment assembly has a sealing cap that is selectively secured to the first end of the u-pipe, the sealing cap having a membrane through which the intake pipe is inserted; wherein the attachment assembly has a sponge washer having a sponge opening that expands to accommodate the intake pipe as
- 25 it is inserted therethrough; and wherein the sponge washer is positioned inside the u-pipe and is held tightly therein by the sealing cap.

4. The fish tank vacuum as recited in claim 3, wherein the filter housing has an internal filter shoulder such that the filter disk extends between the internal filter shoulder and  
5 the mating end of the suction nozzle and is held in place thereby.
5. The fish tank vacuum as recited in claim 4, wherein the first and second end of the u-pipe are oriented upwardly, are  
10 substantially parallel, and the second end of the u-pipe is lower than the first end of the u-pipe.
6. The fish tank vacuum as recited in claim 5, wherein the primary swivel assembly has an externally threaded lower  
15 mouth; and the filter housing is internally threaded at its first end to secure the primary swivel assembly therein.